

Journal
of the
Twenty-Third Session
of the
Synod of the
Diocese of Athabasca



Peace River
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
The 5th, 6th and 7th Days of October
1948



List of Clergy and Lay Workers

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese
Right Reverend Arthur Henry Sovereign, M.A., D.D., F.R.G.S.
Bishop's Lodge, Peace River, Alberta

CLERGY

Ven. Archdeacon Robert Little, L.Th., D.D., All Saints', Athabasca.
Rev. Canon Roland Hill, B.A., L.Th., St. James' Cathedral, Peace River.
Rev. Canon G. N. Standish, B.A., L.Th., Christ Church, Grande Prairie.
Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton, B.A., B.D., Emmanuel Church, Sexsmith.
Rev. Canon Norman Calland, Christ Church, Berwyn.
Rev. Tom Greenwood, L.Th., St. John the Baptist, Fort McMurray.
Rev. Grant E. Dale, B.A., L.Th., St. Paul's, Fort Chipewyan.
Rev. Arthur Francis Sheward, St. Andrew's, Colinton.
Rev. Royston A. F. Currie, St. Mark's, High Prairie.
Rev. Herbert J. E. Webb, St. Helen's, Fairview.
Rev. David H. Pinkerton, D.V.S., St. Luke's, Fort Vermilion.
Rev. Ernest Roy Haddon, B.A., B.Th., St. Andrew's, Spirit River.
Rev. Joseph Bemister Batten, St. Luke's, Beaverlodge.
Rev. Arthur Leslie Davies, St. John's, Wabasca.
Rev. Robert Thompson Cathcart, St. Andrew's, Atikameg.

On Leave:

Rev. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams.

EXAMINING CHAPLAIN

Rev. Canon Roland Hill, B.A., L.Th., Peace River.

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

Rev. Herbert J. E. Webb, Fairview.

CANONS

Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton.	Rev. Canon G. N. Standish.
Rev. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams.	Rev. Canon R. Hill.
Rev. Canon Norman Calland.	Rev. Canon P. J. Andrew, O.B.E., D.D., England.

RURAL DEANS

Athabasca, Ven. Archdeacon R. Little, Athabasca, Alta.
Peace River, Rev. Canon N. Calland, Berwyn, Alta.
Grande Prairie, Rev. Canon G. N. Standish, Grande Prairie, Alta.

STIPENDIARY LAY READER

Mr. Stanley B. Hills, Wembley, Alta.

HONORARY LAY READERS

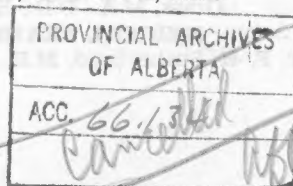
Peace River, Dr. F. H. Sutherland; Three Lakes, Mr. Thomas Smart;
Beaverlodge, Mr. A. Funnell, Mr. R. C. Robson; Atikameg, Mr. B. B.
Whitford; Athabasca, Mr. Dunster; Fairview, Mr. W. J. MacArthur;
High Prairie, Mr. R. P. Butler; Faust, Mr. K. B. Thomson; Fort
Chipewyan, Mr. Reg. T. Dale; Manning, Dr. K. A. Brown; Atikameg,
Mr. R. A. Cathcart; McLennan, Mr. E. Houndle.

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Ronald Martland, Esq., K.C., Royal Bank Chambers, Edmonton, Alta.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rt. Rev. A. H. Sovereign.	Chancellor Martland.
Ven. Archdeacon Little.	Mr. A. H. Abbott.
Rev. Canon R. Hill (Sec.-Treas.)	Mr. T. M. Wright.
Rev. Canon Norman Calland.	Mr. George Saxton.
Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton.	Mr. Norman O. Jack.
Rev. Canon G. N. Standish.	Mr. Wm. T. Winchester.
Rev. Tom Greenwood.	Mr. R. P. Butler.

HONORARY SECRETARY OF SYNOD

Rev. Canon R. Hill, Peace River, Alta.

AUDITOR

Mr. Norman Soars, Peace River, Alta.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

- 1947: Mr. David Luck, Watino area.
Mr. J. Crozier, Lac La Biche.
Mr. Cuthbert Thomas, Slave Lake.
Mr. Fraser Berry, Great North Road.
Mr. Alan G. Howes, Athabasca.
- 1948: Mr. David Luck, Lac La Biche.
Mr. Alan G. Howes, Athabasca.
Mr. Cuthbert Thomas, Cherry Point.
Mr. Ellis Evans, B.A., Slave Lake.
Mr. J. C. M. Clarke, B.A.Sc., Mirror Landing (Smith).

FELLOWSHIP OF THE WEST

- 1947: Rev. Robert Mackie, B.A., Goodwin and North Star
(Montreal Branch).
Mr. Fraser Berry, Great North Road (Montreal Branch).
Rev. E. M. Clarke, Lac La Biche (Toronto Branch).
Mr. J. Crozier, Lac La Biche (Toronto Branch).
- 1948: Rev. R. Mackie, B.A., North Star (Montreal Branch).
Mr. David Luck, Lac La Biche (Toronto Branch).

WOMEN WORKERS

The Wives of the Clergy.
Miss Mary Vaughan, St. Nicholas House, Fairview, S.S. by Post.
Miss Molly Tubbs, St. Nicholas House, Fairview, S.S. by Post.
Dr. Mary Percy Jackson, Keg River.
Miss May Stockford, Athabasca Hostel.
Miss Cameron, Athabasca Hostel.
Miss Doris Flavell, Faust, Mrs. Flavell, Faust.
Miss Orma Johnston, On Leave from Boyle.
Mrs. E. Houndle, McLennan. Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, Boyle.
Sunday School by Post—Van Workers (Miss Eva Hasell, O.B.E.)
St. Alban's Van, Constance Biddulph, Pamela Fox.
St. Nicholas' Van, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Sheila Higgins.
St. Martin's Van, Eileen Paris, Edna Lawson.
St. Oswald Van, I. Balderstone, Elizabeth Brayne.
St. Lawrence Van, Ruth Yeoman, Olive Leslie.

COMMISSARIES

IN CANADA: Rev. Canon R. K. Naylor, B.A., Montreal, P.Q.; Rev. G. H. Dowker, M.A., Toronto; Rev. E. S. Ottley, B.A., L.Th., Christ Church, Edmonton, Alta.

IN ENGLAND: Rt. Rev. E. F. Robins, D.D., Gimmingham, Norfolk; Rev. Frank Stone, M.C., M.A., Hyde Vicarage, Winchester; Rev. B. F. Hinde, M.A., Cauldwell Heath Road, Ipswich; Rev. J. Mervyn Glass, M.A., D.D., Holy Trinity Vicarage, Cheltenham.

MEDICAL EXAMINER FOR THE PENSION BOARD

Dr. F. H. Sutherland, M.D., Peace River, Alberta.

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(Preliminary sessions were held on Tuesday evening, October 5th at 8 p.m. by the Clergy of the Diocese, the Lay Delegates to Synod and the Women Workers of the Diocese. These respective groups met to study the agenda of the Synod and the proposed programme for Spiritual Advance. Following these sessions all members of the Synod were received at an At Home at Bishop's Lodge.)

First Day

Pursuant to notice the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca assembled in St. James' Cathedral at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 6th, 1948.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Right Rev. A. H. Sovereign, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon R. Little and Rev. Canon Roland Hill.

MORNING SESSION

The Right Reverend A. H. Sovereign having summoned the Twenty-third session of Synod to meet at Peace River, Alberta, on October 7, 1948 A.D., the members assembled in Athabasca Hall at 10 a.m., and the Bishop having called the meeting to order, opened with prayer.

Moved by Rev. D. H. Pinkerton, seconded by Canon N. Calland, "That Canon R. Hill be elected Secretary of Synod.—Carried.

The Secretary then called the Clerical Roll and the following being present answered to their names: Archdeacon R. Little, Rev. J. B. Batten, Rev. Canon N. Calland, Rev. R. A. F. Currie, Rev. Tom Greenwood, Rev. E. R. Haddon, Rev. Canon R. Hill, Rev. D. H. Pinkerton, Rev. A. F. Sheward, Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton, Rev. Canon G. N. Standish, Rev. H. J. Webb.

The following Clerical members of Synod being absent: Rev. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams, Rev. R. T. Cathcart, Rev. G. E. Dale, Rev. A. L. Davies.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates and the following being present answered to their names: Jack Beeston, George Saxton, A. H. Abbott, R. C. Robson, C. D. Algar, David Shaw, Mrs. E. Houndie, R. Delancey, D. D. Hay, N. O. Jack, W. J. MacArthur, A. Young, R. P. Butler, E. Houndie, K. B. Thomson, L. F. S. Watts, W. T. Winchester, M. Whitney, C. Ratcliffe, T. M. Wright, Wm. Dzaman.

The Secretary reported that twelve Clerical and twenty one Lay delegate were present, constituting a quorum in each order.

The Bishop declared the Synod constituted.

A Letter of Greetings was read from Rt. Rev. E. F. Robins, in which reference was made to a Pectoral Cross which Bishop Robins was bequeathing to the Bishop of the Diocese of Athabasca. Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Mr. Butler "That this letter be received, and a letter of greetings and thanks be sent to Bishop Robins."—Carried.

A Letter of Greetings was received from the Diocese of the Yukon, and letters of regret from Chancellor Martland and Canon Crane-Williams. Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Rev. T. Greenwood "That these letters be received, answered and filed."—Carried.

Moved by Archdeacon Little, Seconded by Rev. R. A. F. Currie "That the Women Workers of the Diocese be granted a seat on the floor of the house."—Carried.

(Miss Mary Vaughn, Miss Mollie Tubbs, Miss Doris Flavell, Mrs. Flavell, Mrs. Singleton, Mrs. T. Thompson, Mrs. Haddon and Mrs. Hill.)

Moved by Rev. E. R. Haddon, seconded by Rev. Canon Singleton, "That Rev. F. A. Peake be granted a seat on the floor of the House."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Rev. D. H. Pinkerton "That Mr. G. Palfreyman of Spirit River be permitted to represent the parish of Fort Vermilion as a Lay delegate."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Canon Calland "That the minutes of the Twenty-Second session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, convened at Peace River on June 18th and 19th, A.D. 1946, and as printed in the Synod Journal, be adopted as read."—Carried.

The Bishop appointed Scrutineers of the Credentials of the Lay Delegates as follows: Rev. H. J. E. Webb, Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton, and Mr. T. M. Wright.

Committee on the Bishop's Charge: Rev. Tom Greenwood, Mr. K. B. Thomson.

Press Committee: Rev. E. R. Haddon, Rev. Canon R. Hill.

The Bishop then appointed the following committee on "Thanks, Greetings and Memorials": Rev. J. B. Batten, Mrs. A. H. Abbott.

Moved by Canon Singleton, seconded by Mr. Butler, "That a Nominating Committee be appointed".—Carried. The following were elected to serve on this committee: Archdeacon Little, Canons Calland and Standish, Messrs. Butler and MacArthur.

His Lordship then read his Charge to Synod, which was enthusiastically received. (Appendix A).

Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Canon Hill "That the Bishop's Charge be received and given to the committee on the Bishop's Charge."—Carried.

Noonday Prayers were taken by Archdeacon R. Little.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Canon R. Hill. (Appendix B). Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Canon Standish, "That this report be received and adopted."—Carried.

A discussion on valuations of Church property within the Diocese for Fire Insurance ensued, and it was moved by Mr. N. O. Jack, seconded by Canon Hill "That each parish be asked to reconsider the amount of insurance being carried on their buildings in view of the present-day cost of replacement."—Carried.

The Synod adjourned for lunch at 12.30 p.m.

A most interesting address was given by His Lordship the Bishop following the luncheon, his subject: "England and Lambeth".

First Day

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Synod re-assembled at 2 p.m. The Bishop of the Diocese opened the Session with prayer.

Following a considerable amount of discussion on the question of a full-time Secretary-Treasurer for the Diocese of Athabasca, it was Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Canon Calland "That the Executive Committee be empowered to investigate the possibilities and desirability of the employment of a full-time Clerical or Lay Secretary-Treasurer, and be empowered to employ such a person if it is financially possible." An Amendment moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. MacArthur "That the word 'Lay' be deleted from this motion." Amendment carried.

Moved by Rev. T. Greenwood, seconded by Rev. E. R. Haddon "That greetings be sent to Trinity Church, Aurora, Ontario, from which Parish three of the Diocesan Workers had come." Carried.

Changes in Canons

Following considerable discussion on the definition of a "Self-Supporting Parish" (Canon IV, Sec. 2, page 19 of Act of Incorporation) it was moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Mr. Houndle "That a 'self-supporting Parish' be defined as one able to pay the diocesan minimum salary, plus diocesan requirements for transportation, and having a suitable residence in which the Rector might live, and that during the first three years of its self-support shall pay its extra-parochial and extra-diocesan obligations as required by the Executive Committee." Carried unanimously.

Canon VI., Section 2. In view of the Bishop's request in his Charge to have each of the three General Board Committees located in one Deanery, it was Moved by Canon Standish, seconded by Rev. R. A. F. Currie "That Canon VI., Sec. 2 be altered to read: 'This Board shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese (ex officio) who shall be President of the Board, the Rural Dean to be Chairman, two other Clergy and three Laity—all from one Deanery—elected by the Synod.'" Carried.

Canon VIII., Section 3. Moved by Canon Standish, seconded by Rev. R. A. F. Currie "That Canon VIII., Sec. 3 be altered to read: 'The Council shall consist of the Bishop (ex officio), the Rural Dean to be Chairman, two other Clergy and three Laity—all from one Deanery—elected by the Synod.'" Carried.

Moved by Canon Standish, seconded by Rev. R. Haddon "That a Diocesan Committee for the M.S.C.C. be established, to consist of the Bishop as President, a Rural Dean as Chairman, two other Clergy and three Laity—all from one Deanery—to be elected by the Synod." Carried.

Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Rev. T. Greenwood "That to Canon IV, Section 11, the following clause be added: '(h) That Lay Delegates to the Synod be members ex officio of the Vestry.'"—Carried.

The Bishop asked that the Agreement between the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese and the Missions be read. (Page 28: Act of Incorporation). Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Mr. Houndle, "That this Agreement be put into effect, and that the Wardens of each Parish be asked to sign same annually."—Carried.

The time being 5.30 p.m., it was moved by Canon Standish "that the Synod adjourn."

At 8 p.m. the Synod Service was held in St. James' Cathedral, the following participating in the service: The Rector Canon Hill, Arch-deacon Little, Canon Singleton, Canon Standish, Canon Calland. The synod preacher was Rev. Tom Greenwood. Preceding the Service, a programme of music was provided by the Organist, assisted by Miss Mary Vaughan (violin).

Second Day

The members met in the Cathedral to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Standish, assisted by Canon Calland.

MORNING SESSION

Moved by Rev. Dr. Pinkerton, seconded by Canon Calland, "That a vote of thanks be accorded Rev. Tom Greenwood for his helpful and inspiring address at the Synod Service." The thanks of the Synod was tendered to Rev. Greenwood by the Bishop.

Moved by Rev. Currie, seconded by Rev. Greenwood "That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Cathedral Organist, Mr. F. Richardson, to Miss Mary Vaughan, and to the Cathedral Choir for the excellent music provided at the Synod Service."—Carried.

Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Rev. Haddon "That preceeding the next Synod a Convening Circular be sent to all Clergy and Lay delegates containing the Financial Reports and the Reports of each Committee."—Carried.

DUPLEX ENVELOPES—The Bishop made reference to the 'Duplex Envelope System' as set forth in Canon IV, and urged the Laymen that they fulfill their duties in putting into effect the use of the duplex envelopes, pointing out further that the length of time that we may depend upon the Church in the East to support us is very limited.

CATHEDRAL AGREEMENT—Moved by Rev. A. F. Sheward, seconded by Mr. MacArthur "That the Cathedral proposed by Chancellor Martland be accepted and implemented with the necessary amendments."—Carried. (See Appendix C) Motion by Rev. H. E. Webb, seconded by Ven. R. Little "That Clause 7 which states 'for all time' be referred to the Chancellor and be re-written in such a way that the establishment of the Cathedral would not be in perpetuity."—Carried.

A discussion followed on the basis of Parochial Apportionments. The Secretary-Treasurer explained that as yet there was no basis of apportionment beyond that which the Executive Committee thought a parish was capable of paying. He urged that a sounder basis of apportionment be sought, and referred to work already done in collecting data to proceed with this change. Canon Singleton went on record that apportionments be made on the basis of real Church families; the difficulty of defining such caused the recommendation to be tabled.

The Financial Reports for the years 1946 and 1947 were read. Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Mr. MacArthur that they be adopted as presented.—Carried. (Appendices D & E).

Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Beeston that the Anglican Advance Appeal report be accepted as read, and published in "The Peace Messenger."

Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Mr. Winchester "That the Canterbury Cathedral Appeal Report be adopted as presented." Carried (Appendix G).

ARCHBISHOP OWEN MEMORIAL FUND. Canon Hill explained the purpose of this Fund, the amount required from the Diocese of Athabasca being \$148.22. Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Rev. Sheward "That this amount be accepted, that the date set for the Appeal be Sunday, November 21st, and that a definite quota be allotted to each parish." Carried.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE PROGRAMME. Moved by Canon Standish seconded by Canon Calland "That the proposed programme be received, and discussed section by section." (Appendix H). Following consider-

able discussion, the Bishop urged that every Clergyman and Woman Worker adopt the Rule of Life as set forth in the Spiritual Advance Programme. Under Section B there was much discussion on the need of our Church to minister to the non-Anglo-Saxon groups of the community. Arising out of this, Rev. Greenwood urged that the Synod Deanery, and that these committees rotate every two years, thus enable it to be seen as a Canadian Church. Further discussion followed on the need of extending work amongst young people; reference was made to Deanery Meetings for Laity, both young and old. Moved by Rev. Currie, seconded by Rev. Haddon "That the Report with the suggested amendments be given to the permanent committees of the Diocese to work out in detail." Carried.

Moved by Rev. Haddon, seconded by Canon Standish "That Ukrainian literature be obtained for the clergy, and that a real effort be made to have a Priest of the Diocese given assistance and time to learn Ukrainian, in order that he might minister to Ukrainian groups." Carried.

Noon-day prayers were taken by Canon Hill.

The morning session adjourned at 12.30 p.m. Luncheon was served in the Aathabasca Hall. Greetings from the Town of Peace River were tendered by His Worship Mayor Dr. F. H. Sutherland. The luncheon speaker was the Ven. Archdeacon Little.

Second Day

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Synod re-assembled at 2 p.m.

Motion by Rev. H. E. Webb and Mr. Wright "That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received." Carried.

Motion by Mr. Houndle and Mr. Winchester "That each of the three General Board Committees be established entirely in one Rural should consider the advisability of changing the name of our Church in line each Deanery to work on each committee within a six-year period." Carried.

Canon Standish, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented his report, and following further nominations and balloting His Lordship declared the following elected:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Clerical: Canon Standish, Rev. T. Greenwood. Lay: Messrs. A. H. Abbott, T. M. Wright, N. O. Jack, Geo. Saxton, Wm. T. Winchester, R. P. Butler.

GENERAL SYNOD. Clerical: Rev. Canon R. Hill, Rev. T. Greenwood; Substitutes, Canon Standish, Canon N. Calland. Lay: Messrs. R. P. Butler, Wm. T. Winchester; Substitutes, A. H. Abbott, N. O. Jack.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD. Clerical: Archdeacon Little, Canons Standish, Singleton and Calland; Substitutes: Revs. H. E. Webb and E. R. Haddon. Lay: Messrs. J. W. MacArthur, E. Houndle, D. D. Hay, T. M. Wright; Substitutes: George Saxton, R. C. Robson.

CANONS AND CONSTITUTION: Archdeacon Little, Ronald Martland, Esq., K.C., V. R. Baldwin, Esq., K.C.

M.S.C.C.—Archdeacon Little, Rev. A. F. Sheward, Rev. T. Greenwood, Mrs. E. Thompson, J. Beeston, R. Delancey.

D.B.R.E.—Canon Singleton, Revs. Haddon and Batten, Messrs. Penny, H. A. Abbott, A. Young.

C.S.S.—Canon Calland, Revs. Webb and Currie, Messrs. K. B. Thomson, J. W. MacArthur, E. Houndle.

Moved by Mr. Houndle and Rev. H. E. Webb "That Mr. Norman Soars be reappointed Auditor."—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Houndle, seconded by Rev. Webb "That Dr. F. H. Sutherland be reappointed Medical Examiner for the Pension Board."—Carried.

Moved by Rev. Webb, seconded by Canon Hill "That the Executive Committee be asked to consider Section 23 of Rules of Order on the whole matter of Synod Elections, with intent that a more efficient manner of electing our representatives and committees with less waste of time be devised."—Carried.

The report from the Rural Deanery of A'habasca was read by Archdeacon Little. Motion by Rev. A. F. Sheward and Canon Hill "That this report be adopted as read."—Carried (Appendix I).

The report from the Rural Deanery of Peace River was read by Canon Calland. Motion by Rev. Webb and Canon Hill "That this report be adopted as read."—Carried. (Appendix I).

The report from the Rural Deanery of Grande Prairie was read by Canon Standish. Motion by Canon Singleton and Rev. Currie "That this report be adopted as read."—Carried. (Appendix K).

The report of the D.B.R.E. was read by Canon Hill, acting secretary. Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Canon Standish "That this report be adopted as read."—Carried. (Appendix L).

At this point, Rev. F. A. Peake, Western Secretary of G.B.R.E., addressed the Synod on the role of religious education in the Parish Church, laying great stress on the need of Sunday School Examinations and religious education in the Day Schools, and careful planning of the use of summer camps. In moving a vote of thanks, Canon Hill asked that the G.B.R.E. Secretaries might reconsider their itineraries, and if possible spend a period of several months in each diocese, thus organizing teacher-training classes and youth leadership groups. The vote of thanks was seconded by Rev. Batten.—Carried.

The report of the Committee on the Bishop's Charge was read. Moved by Rev. T. Greenwood, seconded by Canon Hill "That the Bishop's Charge be received with thanks, and that his request for a Spiritual Advance Movement in the diocese be carried out immediately."—Carried. (Appendix M).

LAMBETH CONFERENCE FUND.—Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Rev. Haddon, "That a Lambeth Conference Fund be established by adding a total of \$100 per year to our total parochial apportionments, thus enabling the sum of one thousand dollars to accumulate during the course of ten years, to be given to the Bishop for his expenses at Lambeth."—Carried.

CLERICAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.—Moved by Mr. Winchester, seconded by Canon Hill "That the Executive Committee of the Diocese be the Transportation Committee."—Carried.

The report of Radio Work was read by Canon Standish. Moved by Rev. Haddon, seconded by Rev. Currie "That this report be received, and a vote of thanks be tendered to Canon Standish." Carried. (Appendix N).

Moved by Rev. Currie, seconded by Mr. Winchester "That a Committee on Radio be established, the personnel to be appointed by the Synod and Canon Standish."—Carried.

The question of a French-language Radio Station in the Province of Alberta was introduced, and after much discussion the following resolution was moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Rev. Dr. Pickerton, and carried unanimously:

Re: FRENCH LANGUAGE STATION IN ALBERTA

WHEREAS we have been informed that an application has been made to The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Department of Transport) for the establishment of a French Language Broadcasting Station within the Province of Alberta,

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Census Returns (1941) show that there are more citizens of German origin, more citizens of Ukrainian origin and more citizens of Scandinavian origin in Alberta than of French origin,—and they have not applied for separate language Stations, nor have they been granted such,

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Census (1941) records that there are only 2,475 citizens in Alberta who speak French only (i.e. half-of-one per cent of the total population speak French only)

AND WHEREAS many programmes in French language and of French culture are already broadcasted over the CBC network,

AND WHEREAS we sincerely believe that the operation of a French language Station in Alberta would have a definitely divisive influence and would be detrimental to the cause of unity,—an objective which we all earnestly desire and for which we all labour,

BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca of the Anglican Church emphatically protest against the granting of the said License on the grounds that it is not only absolutely unnecessary but also injurious to our Provincial unity of citizenship.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ROLAND HILL,
Secretary of Synod.

Peace River, Alberta,
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Moved by Mr. Winchester, seconded by Rev. Pinkerton "That Rev. T. Greenwood be appointed Press Secretary for the Diocese."—Carried.

Mrs. Singleton presented the report of the Diocesan W.A. Moved by Mrs. Singleton, seconded by Rev. Pinkerton "That this report be received, and that in accepting this outstanding report, the Synod expresses their sincere appreciation to the members of the W.A. for their loyal and active work in the Church of Christ."—Carried. (Appendix O).

Miss Vaughan presented the report of the Sunday School by Post, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Rev. Pinkerton.—Carried. (Appendix P).

Moved by Canon Singleton, seconded by Mr. Winchester, "That in view of the increased cost of living, which now has reached 158.6 general and 193.9 for food, that we, the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca humbly petition the Pension Board of the Church of England in Canada to seek to formulate plans for an increase of Pension Grants to retired clergy, widows and orphans of Pensions."—Carried.

On behalf of the Committee of Memorials, Greetings and Thanks, Mr. A. H. Abbott moved that letters of thanks and appreciation be sent by the Secretary of the Diocese to:

His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese.
The members of the Executive Committee of the Diocese.
Mr. S. J. Attenborough.
"The Anonymous Donor".
The M.S.C.C.
The G.B.R.E.

The Council for Social Service.
 The Fellowship of the West.
 The Fellowship of the Maple Leaf.
 Miss Eva Hasell and her Workers.
 The Colonial and Continental Church Society.
 The Dominion President of the W.A.
 Canon J. A. Ward for Radio work.
 The Bishop's Commissaries in England and Canada.
 The Women Workers of the Diocese: Miss Orma Johnston, Mrs.
 Evelyn Thompson, Miss Doris Flavell, Dr. Mary Percy Jackson.
 The Chancellor of the Diocese.
 The Registrar of the Diocese.
 Mr Justice Ford, Edmonton.
 The Medical Examiner for the Diocese.
 Ex-Chancellor A.U.G. Bury (England).
 Mr. Norman Soars, Auditor.
 The President of the Diocesan W.A.
 Letters of Greetings to:
 Mr. Stanley B. Hills—regretting his absence due to an operation.
 Rt. Rev. A. Fleming.
 Most Rev. G. F. Kingston, Primate.
 Most Rev. L. Ralph Sherman, Metropolitan.
 The absent clergy of the Diocese—Rev. Grant E. Dale, Rev. R. T.
 Cathcart, Rev. A. L. Davies, Canon G. H. Crane-Williams.
 Rev. S. J. Beil (Fort Simpson, N.W.T.)
 Rev. H. J. McSherry.
 Rev. L. A. C. Smith.
 Archdeacon G. Andrew.
 Nurse Winifred Neville.
 Nurse Drummond-Hay.
 —Motion seconded by Rev. Batten.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Winchester, seconded by Canon Standish "That
 the Secretary of the Synod be granted a honorarium of \$25.00."—
 Carried.

Moved by Mr. Winchester, seconded by Canon Standish "That the
 Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese be granted a honorarium of \$200.00
 per annum."—Carried.

Moved by Canon Hill, seconded by Rev. Currie "That the Pro-
 ceedings of the Twenty-Third Session of the Synod of the Diocese of
 Athabasca be printed."—Carried.

Owing to lack of time, the following Report was not read:
 The Peace Messenger. (Appendix Q).

Moved by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Winchester "That the
 Twenty-Third Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca does
 now adjourn."—Carried.

At 5 o'clock the Bishop closed the Session, and the members of
 the Synod assembled in the Cathedral and were dismissed with prayers
 and the Benediction.

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The Bishop's Charge

Reverend Brethren of the Clergy,

Brethren of the Laity:

As Bishop of the Diocese, I gladly welcome you to the Twenty-third Session of our Synod. As a matter of historical interest, this is the eighth Synod over which I have the privilege and honour to preside. Bishop Bompas, the Apostle of the North, held the first Diocesan Synod at Fort Simpson on September 4th, 1876 (72 years ago); Bishop Young held five Synods, the first being at Fort Vermillion; Bishop Reeve (acting Bishop) was present at one Synod at Lesser Slave Lake; Bishop Holmes called only one Synod; Bishop Robins held six sessions, and Bishop Renison one. This is my eighth. I thank Almighty God for strength and guidance through these years, and the joy of being with you through two trying periods,—the Great Depression of the Thirties and the Second Great War,—and now face the making of the Peace,—a problem quite as difficult as the winning of the war.

Today, the world, though a neighbourhood, is certainly not very neighbourly. The world is one; this is the miracle of our age, but we have not yet learned the art of living together on the same sphere. The kingdoms of the world are divided into two mighty camps with an iron curtain between them,—and that curtain stands for hatred and suspicion, for revenge and fear. The gravity of the situation is aggravated by man's discovery of atomic energy and its release. Fearful bombs,—one hundred times more powerful than those which blasted with searing heat the cities of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, are now in man's possession and are ready for use and "are capable of annihilating the human race." One of the scientists producing it (Mr. Urey) Says:

"In an atom explosion thousands die within a fraction of a second. In the immediate area nothing is left standing. There are no walls. They are vanished into dust and smoke. There are no wounded. There are not even bodies. At the centre a fire, many times hotter than any fire we have ever known, has pulverized buildings and human beings into nothingness."

"Against this death-dealing force there is no known defence. All that could be done would be to kill an equal or greater number of the enemy, and still-existing armies could fight like scavengers over the remains. With these titanic powers in the hands of sinful men the prospect is truly appalling."

In other words, the progress of science has outdistanced the unfolding of man's moral nature. The material has avalanched the spiritual. The chasm between knowledge and wisdom has been terribly widened. The achievements of man's mind, which he had fondly hoped would be for his comfort and his joy are now plotted for his destruction. The sword which he so carefully wrought for his own well-being is, like the sword of Saul, to be used for his own death. The future is alarming. Let us come back to God in humility, penitence and prayer.

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget"

In diagnosing these fateful days, we view the unprecedented

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prosperity which the Anglo-Saxon world is experiencing, especially on this Continent and in our own Canada. Our Dominion is now the third commercial nation among all the countries of the world. In our Northland, development is manifest on every hand. A new road is now being opened from the Peace River Country to the Coast by way of Pine Pass. The Alaska Highway is being improved and moulded into a permanent artery to Yukon and Alaska. The Great North Road links Grimshaw with Hay River on Great Slave Lake, providing a highway into Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories. A spur runs from High Level Junction to Fort Vermilion, and it is now possible to go from Peace River to the Fort in a few hours. Frequently the journey by boat up South from the Fort would require five days or longer, and by trail two or three weeks. The aeroplane makes the journey in less than an hour. Settlement in pioneer areas is proceeding, especially along these three great highways, for, from the time of the Roman Empire, development and unfolding life have always followed arterial roads. Towns are growing, oil exploration is manifest on every hand and another forward advance faces Canada's Pioneer North. The Church of the Living God must accept this challenge of growth and send the Ambassadors of Christ to every town and village and settlement in order that this Last Great West may be clothed with Christ and adorned with our beloved Church. Every wave movement of land development and homesteading must be immediately followed by a wave movement of spiritual achievement.

The third event in which this Synod is definitely interested is the Lambeth Conference held this summer in London, England. For six weeks, 329 Bishops of the Anglican Communion throughout the world met at Lambeth under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of Canterbury and very far-reaching were the results of their consultations.

The Lambeth Conference is not a legislative body; its decisions are not binding on any regional Church or Churches, but the findings are of the utmost weight and influence. I hope to have the privilege of outlining the Resolutions, especially as they are a direct meaning for us in Canada. The five major subjects of study included the Doctrine of Man, the Church and the Modern World and the Christian Way of Life, the Unity of the Church, the Anglican Communion, the Church's attitude to Marriage and Divorce, Baptism and Confirmation. Our suggested plan of union between the Anglican Church in Canada and the United Church will require most careful study and further examination. The so-called "Supplementary Ordination" which is the centre of the suggested scheme was subjected to careful scrutiny and certain real difficulties were uncovered. Perhaps we may be forced to seek out other avenues of approach, but we must not cease to try to heal our unhappy divisions. How can a divided Church ever hope to unify a divided world!

"We have listened to those who spoke to us from first-hand experience of the threat to the continued existence of any Christian witness, which arises in more than one part of the world from the resurgence of a totalitarian nationalism; we have been confronted with plain statements from the Churches of Africa and Asia of the damage done to the cause of evangelism by the continuance of division; we have been conscious of the desperate need for a Church which can commend to the world its message of reconciliation by the evidence of God's healing power in its own life. It is the constant realization of

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facts such as these which has given a sense of urgency to our whole discussion.

But there is one factor in the situation in 1948 which is wholly new, and which by its very nature has altered the entire perspective. For the first time since the great division of Christendom into Catholic and Protestant Churches an act of reunion between these two traditions has happened.

The Church in South India exists.—It was inaugurated in September, 1947, amid great joy—joy in the Lord. It united a million people. They are mainly Indian, speaking the four languages of Southern India, and for the most part simple and uneducated. They have what they wanted, one Church.

May God guide and bless all men of good-will, who plan for and pray for the re-union of the Churches of the World.

I wish also to refer to the inauguration of the World Council of Churches. At Amsterdam, the first Assembly met in August of this year, when 400 delegates from 148 Churches in 44 countries of the world met in the name of Christ. Absent were the delegates of the Roman Catholic Church and the Russian Church. This gathering is one of the great mile-stones in the history of the Christian Church since the days of the Reformation.

Now let us turn to our own Diocese with the aforesaid events and conditions ever present as a living background.

Of first importance was the transfer of the Mackenzie River Deanery from the Diocese of Athabasca to other supervision on December 31st, 1947. It was definitely understood in September 1933 that the administration of the aforesaid Deanery by the Bishop of Athabasca was for a temporary period only. I wish to recall the motion which was passed by the Synod in July, 1944: (See Appendix R).

At last, at the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land held in Winnipeg, April 1947, the following Resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS The Executive Committee of the Diocese of Athabasca has petitioned His Grace the Primate of All Canada, His Grace the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, and the Executive Committee of the M.S.C.C. "to make other provision for the supervision and episcopal jurisdiction of the Deanery of Mackenzie River within the North West Territories as from January 1st, 1947",

"AND WHEREAS The Primate and the Executive Committee of the M.S.C.C. have requested the Metropolitan and Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land carefully to examine the present state of the Church in this area and to make provision for the re-establishment of the work and its episcopal supervision, concerning which the M.S.C.C. has passed the following resolution: "That the recommendation of the Special Sub-Committee as approved by this Executive on February 14th, 1944, be referred to the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land, namely, 'That this Committee, having studied the problems of the Mackenzie River Deanery, considers it unfair to the Bishop of Athabasca that he should have to carry the responsibility for such a distant area and one which calls for a special kind of administration. It is further of the opinion that this area should be transferred to other jurisdiction or made independent'. The Committee is unanimous that the area should be abandoned."

AND WHEREAS The M.S.C.C. has already made an initial and special allocation of funds for work in this area,

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AND WHEREAS The Metropolitan has appointed a special committee to consult with him and to report to the Provincial Synod, THEREFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

(1) That until permanent provision is made, this Synod or the Province of Rupert's Land authorize the setting apart of the Deanery of Mackenzie River within the North West Territories as a self-contained administrative area, adequately manned and locally supervised by a Rural Dean, and directly administered by the Metropolitan,

(2) That the Metropolitan be requested to approach the Metropolitan of British Columbia with a view to appointing a joint inter-provincial commission to survey the whole working of the Church in Northwestern Canada in the light of modern developments in civil jurisdiction, industry and transportation.

It was moved by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Calgary and seconded by the Prolocutor that the report of this special committee be adopted. —Carried.

We all hope that the time is not far distant when the Church may be able to make a complete survey of our Church's work in the North,—including Yukon Diocese, The Diocese of the Arctic and the Mackenzie River Deanery. During the past 25 years, the picture of Canada's Northland has completely changed. May God guide our Church to act wisely.

Since last Synod, the Diocese has seen the Dedication of the new Memorial Synod Hall. There has been a great need for such a Synod Home. We thank God for the bequests from the Misses Robson of Bournemouth which have made the erection of this building possible. The new Hall includes a General Office, the Bishop's Room, a Board Room and a Book Room. The lower floor houses the large vault and will eventually be used as a caretaker's residence. Miss Beryl Richardson (now Mrs. A. W. Fuller) after seven and one-half years as Office Secretary resigned and the position is now capably filled by Mr. F. Richardson (the Cathedral Organist) who is an experienced bookkeeper.

I bespeak from you a most careful consideration of a suggested plan for our Diocesan Committees, by which the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, the Diocesan Council for Social Service and the Diocesan Missionary Committee should be chosen completely from each of the three Rural Deaneries respectively and should rotate,—each Deanery thus providing the personnel of a Committee for two years.

Finally, I would earnestly ask that this Synod promulgate a definite plan of Spiritual Advance. In all of our busy-ness, this is the real business. This is our God-given task. I trust it will be a comprehensive plan as well as a detailed plan. It should be woven into the warp and woof of the policy of every organization. It must be for the young, for the middle-aged and for the elderly. It must touch men; it must inspire the women. It would have a place in the Sunday programme; it must be wrought into the fabric of the week-day. The Bishop and Clergymen and Bishop's Messengers are called to give lead; the laymen and women must also lead and co-operate to the full. A suggested programme will be placed before you for your consideration and careful thought. Let us pray that God may give to this Diocese a new out-pouring of His Holy Spirit, a new vision of the crucified and risen Christ, a deeper consecration of our lives to Christ the King, a clearer picture of our responsibility to others even to the uttermost parts of the earth. So may it be!

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I wish to thank you for coming this week to these Sessions. Pray often and earnestly for the Presence of God in our midst. Pray that we may think clearly, plan wisely and act courageously. In the fellowship of Christian service, I wish to express my gratitude to you all for your loyalty, your labours in the Gospel from week to week and month to month, your prayers and your love.

May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with us now and always. Amen.

COMPARISON OF DIOCESAN STATISTICS PAROCHIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	1946	1947
Baptisms	210	327
Confirmations	80	117
Marriages	118	132
Burials	67	93

As a matter of record, it is customary for the Bishop to make mention of certain events and changes in the personnel of the Diocese:

ORDINATIONS

Deacons: Rev. A. F. Currie, Dr. David H. Pinkerton.

Priest: Rev. Grant E. Dale, B.A., L.Th.

RECEIVED FROM OTHER DIOCESES

Rev. G. Nelson Standish, B.A., L.Th.,—from the Diocese of Calgary and inducted to the Parish of Grande Prairie.

Rev. A. Brown-Christie (Deacon)—from the Diocese of Ottawa to the Indian School at Wabasca, and from thence to the Diocese of Fredericton.

Rev. Roland Hill, B.A., L.Th.,—from the Diocese of Toronto to the Rectorship of St. James' Cathedral.

Rev. Joseph B. Batten from the Deanery of Mackenzie River to the Parish of Beaverlodge.

Rev. George S. Johnston from the Diocese of Caledonia to be Principal of St. Andrew's School, Atikameg.

Rev. Ernest Roy Haddon, B.A., from the Diocese of Saskatchewan to the Parish of Spirit River.

Rev. Tom Greenwood, L.Th., from the Diocese of Chester (England) to the Parish of Fort McMurray.

TRANSFERS TO OTHER DIOCESE

Rev. W. K. Morrison to Huron Diocese, Rev. S. E. Richards to Toronto Diocese, Rev. A. Lord to Caledonia, Rev. F. E. Smith to Edmonton, Rev. G. A. Crawley to Algoma, Rev. E. C. Dickin to Montana, Rev. Eric Wright to Montana, Rev. H. J. McSherry to M.S.C.C. and Japan, Rev. Wm. Prior to Toronto, Rev. Robert Mackie to Montreal, Rev. R. T. Cathcart to Calgary, Rev. G. T. Pattison to Columbia

TRANSFERS WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton from Fort Vermilion to Sexsmith.

Rev. Maurice Walsh from Fort Chipewain to Sexsmith.

Rev. A. L. Davies from St. John's, Wabasca to Fort Vermilion and return to Wabasca.

DEACONESS

Deaconess Margaret Newton from the Diocese of Portsmouth to Athabasca. and thence to Brandon.

STIPENDIARY LAY READER

Mr. Stanley Hills from Toronto (Wycliffe College) to Parish of High Prairie.

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LAY READERS

Mr. Reg. J. Dale at Fort Chipewyan, Dr. K. A. Brown at Manning, Mr. R. A. Cathcart at Atikameg.

WOMEN WORKERS

Miss May Stockford from the Mission of Boyle to the Boys' Hostel at Athabasca.

Miss Orma Johnston from North Star to the Mission of Boyle and thence, on one year's leave of absence, to the Anglican Women's Training College at Toronto.

Miss Doris Flavell to the Mission of Faust.

Mrs. Evelyn Thompson, a graduate of the Anglican Women's Training College, to the Mission of Boyle.

Miss Mary Vaughan, Superintendent of Sunday School by Post. Nurse Drummond-Hay, of Hondo, after 14 years of faithful service, has returned to Scotland.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES

"Grace Church-on-the-Prairie", the gift of Grace Church-on-the-Hill, in Toronto on November 3rd, 1946.

St. Andrew's Church, Atikameg.

DEDICATION OF PARISH HALLS

Parish Hall at Wembley, Parish Hall at High Prairie.

Dedication of the "ROBSON MEMORIAL SYNOD HALL".

DEDICATION OF RECTORIES

Rectory at Beaverlodge, Rectory at Peace River.

OTHER EPISCOPAL ACTS

Dedication of Camp Artaban.

Dedication of Altar Cross and Pulpit Bible at St. Andrew's, Atikameg.

Dedication at St. Luke's, Fort Vermilion, of Altar Cross in memory of Flying Officer W. Hallett; Organ Hymn Book in memory of Mrs. William Letts; Altar Book Rest in memory of Rev. H. W. Lamberton; and the War Honour Roll.

Dedication of St. Oswald Van at Grande Prairie, and St. Lawrence Van at Dunvegan,—both provided through Miss Eva Hasell.

Dedication of Processional Cross at Fort Chipewyan.

Dedication of Church Pews at Fort McMurray.

Dedication of Chancel Chair and Stained Glass at St. Paul's Church, Faust,—the said glass having been sent from St. Paul's Church, Canonbury, London, England.

Dedication of Brass Alms Basin at Boyle in memory of Robert F. Drew of the R.C.N.V.R.

Dedication of the Memorial Font at St. Paul's Church, McLennan.

Dedication of Electronic Bells at Christ Church, Grande Prairie.

Dedication of The Resurrection Window in St. James' Cathedral, Peace River, in memory of Katie Raychyba.

CHANCELLOR

His honour, Judge A. U. G. Bury, having served as Chancellor for 28 years in this Diocese, resigned and returned to England. Mr. Ronald Martland, M.A., K.C., has been appointed and we gladly welcome him to this important office.

IN MEMORIAM

Most Rev. Derwyn Trevor Owen, Primate.

Most Rev. C. A. Seager, Archbishop of Huron.

Right Rev. W. E. Geddes, Bishop of Yukon.

John James Louttit, Mrs. Louisa White, Charles H. Conquest, Mrs. Chas. McNaught, Miss Katie Raychyba, Daniel L. McMillan, Mrs. A. Robertson, William S. George, Mr. Percy J. Tooley, Mrs. Ken Duffield (Beaverlodge).

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since the Twenty-Second Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, which was held in the Town of Peace River on the eighteenth and nineteenth days of June, A.D. 1946, the Executive Committee of the Diocese has met on three occasions for the purpose of furthering the work of the Synod in matters both spiritual and temporal.

It was with deep regret that the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of His Honour Judge A. U. G. Bury, M.A., K.C., as Chancellor of the Diocese. The Chancellor's resignation was caused by the death of his wife and his subsequent return to England.

At the May meeting of the Executive, 1947, Bishop Sovereign announced the appointment of Mr. Ronald Martland, K.C., as the Chancellor of the Diocese.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE.—The Bishop appointed the Rural Deans as Sub-Chairmen of the Spiritual Advance Movement, and asked for their co-operation and leadership in this important work.

A Committee on Youth Work was appointed in May 1947, to implement the work of our Church among young people. The Annual Youth Conference held on Thanksgiving week-end was their first undertaking and has resulted in increased activity of the A.Y.P.A. throughout the Diocese.

After extensive investigation, the Executive Committee adopted the 'Master Policy' scheme of insurance, thereby obtaining maximum coverage at the lowest rate.

A Committee on Interdenominational Co-operation was established and a joint meeting of this committee and a committee from the United Church of Canada met at Peace River. The morning session was spent in discussion of the general terms of the proposals for a common ministry. In the afternoon specific projects of co-operation such as North Star, Debolt-Sturgeon Lake, and the south shore of Lesser Slave Lake were discussed. The United Church withdrew its workers on behalf of the Church of England for eighteen months, when the situation would again be reviewed.

A continuing committee was established to further analyse interdenominational activities.

UNIFORM BOOKKEEPING SYSTEM.—The Executive Committee requested the Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Richardson to devise a standard system of bookkeeping for every parish. This has since been completed and its use required by Canon Law.

RADIO WORK.—An increased grant was voted to Canon Standish for his most valuable work on the Radio.

CEMETERIES.—In response to an enquiry into the condition of cemeteries and the use of their funds, it was decided to form a committee of the Rural Deans who would report on the situation. The need for building up a capital reserve to care for each cemetery was emphasized.

During the Spring Executive Meeting of 1948, while discussing the placement of Students, the question of the value of placing students in new fields was considered, and it was recommended that they be used primarily to assist men in very large parishes,—e.g., High Prairie, Athabasca, North Star.

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CATHEDRAL STATUS.—The Agreement between St. James' Cathedral and the Diocese of Athabasca was presented, it being based on a similar one used in the Diocese of Edmonton, and was approved, and the Executive asked that the Chancellor prepare a formal agreement, to be presented at the next Synod.

***SPIRITUAL ADVANCE.**—The Executive Committee asked that a programme for Spiritual Advance be prepared by the Bishop and Secretary, and that it be presented to the Synod.

ROLAND HILL,
Secretary.

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PROPOSED CATHEDRAL AGREEMENT

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 10th day of January in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight:
BETWEEN:

THE RIGHT REVEREND ARTHUR H. SOVEREIGN,
Doctor of Divinity, Bishop of Athabasca, hereinafter
called "the Bishop",

OF THE FIRST PART,

and

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, PARISH OF PEACE
RIVER, Alberta, hereinafter called "the Parish",

OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS the Bishop has his Episcopal Chair or Seat in the Church of the Parish;

AND WHEREAS since the establishment of the said Diocese the said Church has been variously known as the Pro-Cathedral or Cathedral of the said Diocese;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop has appointed or confirmed the appointment of the said Church as the Cathedral of the Diocese of Athabasca and of the Bishop thereof;

AND WHEREAS the Episcopal Chair or Seat in the said Cathedral is the property of the Parish but has been set apart and dedicated for and to use of the Bishop from time to time of the said Diocese;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop is desirous that there be established a Cathedral Chapter for the purpose of assisting in forwarding the Missionary work of the Diocese and of acting as an Advisory Council to the Incumbent, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish;

AND WHEREAS the Bishop, of his own mere motion, in the exercise of the episcopal authority inherent in his office of Bishop of Athabasca, which authority is recognized in the Canons of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, has appointed _____, one of the Canons of the said Diocese and the present Incumbent, of the Parish to be Dean of the Cathedral and Diocese, of Athabasca;

NOW THEREFORE this agreement witnesseth as follows:

(1) The Parties hereto agree that there be established, and there is hereby established, in and in connection with the said Cathedral, a Chapter which shall consist of the Dean of the Diocese, the Chancellor thereof, the Incumbent, Wardens and the members of the Vestry of the Parish, and such number of Canons of the Diocese of Athabasca, not exceeding five, as may be designated from time to time by the Bishop of the Diocese.

(2) The parochial organization and the powers and duties of

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the Parish, as provided in the Act to Incorporate the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca and the Parishes of the said Diocese, being Chapter 49 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1914, and as provided in the Canons of the said Synod, shall continue unaffected by this agreement, except that the Chapter shall act as an Advisory Council to the Incumbent, Wardens and Vestry of the Parish and shall perform such other duties as may be lawfully assigned to it by the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca or the Bishop thereof.

(3) The Parish will provide suitable seats or stalls for the Chancellor, the Archdeacons and Canons of the Diocese.

(4) The Bishop of Athabasca shall have the right to the use of the Church, Parish Hall and other buildings of the Parish for Ordinations, meetings of Synod and all other occasions in connection with episcopal or diocesan objects and shall have the control of all services connected therewith.

(5) The Chapter shall have the right to the use of the Church and Parish Hall for meetings of the Chapter.

(6) The rights and powers of the incumbent in respect of all services or matters not of an episcopal or diocesan nature, but including services connected with meetings of the Chapter, shall continue.

(7) The Bishop for himself, so far as in his power, for his successors as Bishops of Athabasca, agrees that the Church of the Parish shall continue permanently as the Cathedral of the Diocese of Athabasca, and that the Bishop's chair or Seat shall remain therein for all time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Bishop has hereunto set his hand and seal and the Parish has caused it to be signed by its proper officers and its corporate seal affixed thereto.

ARTHUR H. SOVEREIGN, Bishop,
Church of England,
Parish of Peace River.

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**DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA
GENERAL ACCOUNT 1946**

RECEIPTS

Balance, Feb. 1, 1946		\$ 5207.35
C. & C.C.S.		1238.56
M.S.C.C. Regular Grant	\$14325.00	
Special Grant	1572.97	15897.97
Dominion W.A.		2441.86
General Synod O.C.F.		376.72
Diocesan Sources:		
Stipend	5314.90	
M.S.C.C.	1555.30	
G.B.R.E.	112.00	
C.S.S.	106.00	
Taxes	157.85	
Fire Insurance	230.56	
Life Insurance	243.60	
Cathedral	107.00	
D.P.A.A.	65.00	
Synod	185.00	
Pensions	34.50	8111.71
Rentals		1829.88
Contributions: Miscellaneous		398.00
Sunday School By Post		103.11
Received in Trust		44.75
Refunds: Travel, \$31.51; Fire Insurance .60		32.00
Transfer from Bishop's Fund		366.40
AAA. Expenses		301.91
Miscellaneous		502.65
		<u>\$36,852.98</u>

Peace River, Alberta,
May 7th, 1947.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached statement shows a true and correct view of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Diocese of Athabasca, according to the best of my knowledge and belief and the information supplied to me.

"N. SOARS",
Diocesan Auditor.

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EXPENDITURES

Stipends & Salaries		\$17960.19
Travelling Expenses		4215.70
Insurance: Fire 702.38; Life 599.56		1301.94
Taxes		903.01
Office Expenses		538.30
General Synod Boards:		
M.S.C.C.	\$1483.92	
G.B.R.E.	113.24	
C.S.S.	88.84	1686.00
Assessments:		
General Synod	15.50	
Faith & Order	15.00	30.50
Mackenzie River Freight		180.78
Summer Students:		
Salaries	625.00	
Expenses	55.60	680.60
Transfers:		
Maple Leaf Trust	350.00	
Savings Account	205.02	
Pension Trust A/c	34.50	
Relief Account	164.82	754.34
Expended on Church Property		1506.56
"Peace Messenger"		183.05
Bishop's Pension Assessment		235.44
Rev. Grant E. Dale: Pension Allowance		25.75
Sunday School By Post		1354.53
Trust Funds expended		35.00
D.P.A.A.		60.00
Clergy Outfits		100.00
Broadcasting		150.00
Audit Fee ..		15.00
Grant to St. James' Cathedral		100.00
Synod Expenses		707.40
Fort Chipewyan Fuel Grant		100.00
Land Purchase & L.T.O. Fees		69.79
Special Gifts		442.97
Miscellaneous		288.91
		<u>\$33,856.86</u>
Balance: Jan. 31, 1947—Bank Book	\$4372.51	
Less Outstanding Cheques	1376.39	2996.12
		<u>\$36,852.98</u>

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RECEIPTS

Balance: Feb. 1, 1947		\$ 2996.12
C. & C.C.S.		1527.00
M.S.C.C.:		
Regular Grants	\$15525.00	
Special Grants	1411.76	16936.76
Dominion W.A.		3189.90
General Synod O.C.F.		339.04
Diocesan Sources:		
Stipend	7582.60	
M.S.C.C.	1478.73	
G.B.R.E.	116.00	
C.S.S.	110.00	
Taxes	297.99	
Pensions	380.00	
D.P.A.A.	84.00	
Fire Insurance	404.97	
Life & Acc. Insurance	223.20	
Cathedral	103.68	10781.17
Rentals		1230.00
Contributions:		
Miscellaneous	523.21	
S.S. by Post	241.94	
Peace Messenger	22.00	787.15
Refunds:		
Transportation	150.00	
Fire Insurance	7.57	
Freight charges	4.80	162.37
A.A.A. Literature & receipts		45.85
Miscellaneous		222.74
		\$38218.10

PEACE RIVER, Alberta.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have audited the books of account of the Diocese of Athabasca and that the above statement shows a true and correct view of the affairs of the Diocese according to the best of my knowledge and belief and the information supplied to me.

(Signed) **NORMAN SOARS,**
Official Auditor.

March 27th, 1948

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GENERAL ACCOUNT, 1947

EXPENDITURES

Stipends & Salaries		\$19361.12
Travelling Expenses		3336.09
Insurance: Fire		578.83
Life & Casualty		454.40
Taxes		942.06
Synod Office: Expenses		617.43
Operation		222.82
General Synod Boards:		
M.S.C.C.	\$1473.88	
G.B.R.E.	113.28	
C. for S.S.	88.84	1676.00
Assessments:		
Provincial Synod	25.00	
Faith & Order	15.00	40.00
Mackenzie River Deanery Freight		118.91
Summer Students:		
Salaries	725.00	
Expenses	193.72	918.72
Transfers:		
To Maple Leaf Account	1825.00	
To Pension Trust Account	386.00	2211.00
Expended on Church property		1284.46
"The Peace Messenger"		193.89
Bishop's Pension Assessment		235.54
Sunday School By Post		1132.55
D.P.A.A.		84.00
Broadcasting:		
Christ Church, Grande Prairie	325.00	
Christmas Service	22.40	347.40
Audit (1946) Fee		20.00
Grant to St. James' Cathedral		100.00
Grant to Fort Chipewyan (Fuel)		100.00
Refresher Course Expenses	117.50	
Youth Conference Expenses	18.81	136.31
Special Gifts		530.10
Emmanuel College (from Ord. Cand. Fund)		50.00
A.A.A. Expenses		34.45
Yellowknife Lease		1.00
Miscellaneous		286.59
Balance: Jan. 31, 1948—Bank Book	\$3284.77	35013.97
Less outstanding cheques	80.64	3204.13
		<u>\$38218.10</u>

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ANGLICAN ADVANCE APPEAL

Parish	Quota	Paid to date (Oct. 6, 1948)
Athabasca	\$1400.00	\$1400.00
Atikameg	250.00	256.00
Beaverlodge	800.00	565.00
Berwyn	1000.00	513.00
Fort Chipewyan	300.00	100.00
Colinton	800.00	314.00
Fairview	1000.00	2461.89
Goodwin	400.00	400.00
Grande Prairie	1800.00	1426.00
High Prairie	1000.00	997.82
Fort McMurray	800.00	624.23
North Star	400.00	64.20
Peace River	1500.00	1505.13
Sexsmith	800.00	668.58
Fort Vermilion	400.00	350.01
Wabasca	250.00	200.15
Wembley	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	\$13400.00	\$12346.01

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL APPEAL

Parish	Contribution	Parish	Contribution
Athabasca	\$10.00	Grande Prairie	\$ 6.00
Atikameg	25.00	High Prairie	45.80
Beaverlodge	20.00	North Star	11.25
Berwyn	25.00	Peace River	29.05
Cherry Point	11.00	Sexsmith	9.50
Fort Chipewyan	2.00	Wembley	18.00
Colinton	13.00	North Peace River	
Fairview	4.00	Deanery	25.15
Faust	30.11		
		TOTAL	\$284.86

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SPIRITUAL ADVANCE PROGRAMME

A.—Clergy and Bishop's Messengers

1. A definite period of one-half hour each day for Bible Study, Meditation and Prayer.
2. Deanery Meetings,—Bible Study and Prayer.
3. Diocesan Refresher Course and Prayer.

B.—Parish

1. Bible Reading, Fellowship, &c in every home.
Home Prayer Life.
2. Bible Classes in each Parish.

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3. Prayer Cells in each Parish.
4. Follow-up of all confirmees.
5. House-to-House Visitation.
6. Sunday School in every Parish and Mission.
7. Sunday School Teachers' Preparation Class (weekly) or send Lesson Outline.
8. Literature Programme—A.A.A. Booklets, &c.
9. Call for Enlistment.
10. A Parochial Mission in each Parish in 1949.
11. Corporate Communion for all Groups, followed by Fellowship Breakfast.

C.—Deaneries

1. Deanery Meetings for W.A., Men's Association, A.Y.P.A., and S.S. Teachers with special emphasis on Evangelism.
2. Summer Camps for Youth.

D.—Diocesan

1. Prayer Cycle for the whole Diocese.
2. A Missioner if possible for some months in 1949 in the Diocese.
3. Refresher Course for Prayer and Bible Study.
4. Synod Book Room for Christian Literature supplies.
5. Missionary Education and Expansion in Diocese—Epiphany and St. Andrew's tide.
6. Definite plans for Prayer for Workers.
7. Study of Rural Work Opportunities and Methods.

E.—Presentation of the World-wide view of the Anglican Communion as seen through the Lambeth Conference.

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REPORT OF RURAL DEANERY OF ATHABASCA

Since the last meeting of Synod, this Deanery has been enlarged by the addition of the parish of Fort Chipewyan. St. Paul's Church, Fort Chipewyan, is one of the most beautiful in the Diocese, and the new Rectory is looked forward to with the keenest anticipation.

Rev. W. K. Morrison, former Rector of Fort McMurray, was succeeded by Rev. Tom Geenwood from the Diocese of Chester, England. Because the latter had served for three years in the Diocese of Mackenzie River, he was not new to this part of the north. Under his direction, the parish is becoming one of the outstanding parishes of our Diocese. There are two churches, and a population of 1500 at present. In this progressive parish there is a growing feeling, which is felt also to some extent, further south, along the N.A.R. that the Diocesan boundaries are not the best. They feel that their connection with Peace River is very far from what it could be. They would prefer attachment either to the Diocese of Edmonton or to the new Diocese that must eventually be formed to the north. The Rector occasionally visits Fort Smith, Hay River and Yellowknife, which points are without regular ministrations.

We are deeply indebted to the Fellowship of the West, Toronto Branch, for help given in the parish of Lac La Biche during the past two summers. The Fellowship hopes to send a permanent Priest for this important parish. The town of Lac La Biche, a divisional point on the N.A.R., has a population as large as Athabasca, and has an eight-roomed school. While most of the French halfbreed people are Roman

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Catholics, there is among the white people the usual proportion of Anglicans. A splendid farming country surrounds the town, and the Hudson's Bay Company recently opened a large retail store.

Fifty-five miles from Lac La Biche one approaches the Wandering River prairie, which has several School Districts, and is a well-settled farming area. Miss Hasell's workers have done good work during the winter, chiefly amongst the children, which makes a nucleus for a Priest to commence his work. Unfortunately we have not had women workers at Wandering River for the past two winters. While I have been able to visit Lac La Biche at regular intervals for Holy Communion, the hundred miles across country necessary to visit Wandering River has not always permitted a visit to this point. I hope soon to get the house at Wandering River put into a fit state of repair for winter use.

Since our last meeting, Rev. E. C. Dickin has been transferred from Colinton to High Prairie, and Rev. A. F. Sheward, an ex-Army Chaplain, has succeeded him. A resident Woman Worker also is on the staff in this parish, and lives at Boyle. The people of St. Paul's, Boyle, are to be congratulated on the Church House, which has one of its rooms large enough for a small hall, where the worker can hold clubs and classes. St. Andrew's Colinton, has been painted inside.

Leaded windows have been installed in All Saints', Athabasca, and are much admired. Old St. Matthew's, the oldest building in continuous use, I believe, in the Diocese, has been moved to the grounds surrounding All Saints' Church, and is now the centre part of what we proudly call The Parish Hall.

Church buildings are needed at Big Coulee, Parkhurst and Ferguson.

ST. MARY'S HOSTEL for Girls

BISHOP YOUNG HOSTEL for Boys.

—We are happy to report that there are no vacancies at either hostel, and more could have been in residence, if space permitted. We are deeply indebted to Miss Cameron and Miss Stockford for their work as Matrons.

CAMP MATAWAWIN—This Camp has grown in size and usefulness. We now own seven acres of well-wooded lake shore, the gift of the late Reeve Richard Owens, and of his widow, Mrs. Owens. Four new cottages have been built, and a well has been dug.

We would have much less to report but for the help each year given by Miss Hasell's Van Workers. These women do a grand work and co-operate with the clergy in every way. The outstanding event of last winter was the introduction of Religious Teaching into the large school at Lac La Biche, where Miss Yeoman and Miss McKinnon regularly taught over seventy Protestant pupils at the same time that the R.C. Sisters were teaching their own people in the Public School Intermediate Grades. The younger Anglican children were taught on Saturday mornings. Miss Sawyer and Miss Paris, who spent two winters at Big Coulee, made a great contribution to the Church's work in the area, and will be greatly missed.—We are deeply grateful to Miss Hasell for her assistance.

R. LITTLE, Archdeacon,
Rural Dean.

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REPORT OF RURAL DEANERY OF PEACE RIVER

As Rural Dean of the Deanery of Peace River I beg to report that since the last Synod a Deanery organization for the clergy has been brought into existence, meeting at regular intervals at Peace River the purpose of devotional study and the examination of the Church life in the Deanery. Stemming from these meetings an attempt has been made to establish a Deanery Laymen's Association. This group met at Peace River during 1947 and elected its officers who are endeavoring to draft a programme of Church activity for the men of our Deanery. They sincerely hope to undertake financial obligations in regard to Camp Artaban.

A Deanery organization for the W.A. has been established, and the first deanery meeting was held at Grimshaw where the ladies north of the Peace were the guests of the W.A. of St. Bartholomew's. Next spring these ladies will meet at High Prairie.

In the capacity of Rural Dean I have been able to visit every parish with the exception of Fort Vermilion, and am pleased to report that progress is being made throughout the Deanery.

We deeply regret the loss of Rev. Robert Mackie from Nort Star, Rev. E. C. Dickin from High Prairie, and Rev. A. L. Davies from Fort Vermilion. However, it is with great pleasure that we welcome to the Deanery both Dr. Pinkerton and Rev. Roy Currie. It is our sincere prayer that in the very near future a priest may be found for the parish of North Star, and another for Hines Creek. These two very important parishes are in very great need of a Rector. I would be negligent in my duties if I failed to report the great need of a new Rectory at Fairview. If our men are to do adequate work they must be adequately housed. I would commit this need to the attention of the Executive Committee.

In the parish of Peace River a new Rectory has been built, and this is a great addition to our Cathedral buildings. At High Prairie a new Parish Hall has been erected, for which Mr. Dickin deserves great credit.

Finally, I would appeal for a greater number of Woman Workers in our Deanery as soon as funds are made available. These women stationed in communities where there are not resident clergy can have a great influence on the spiritual and moral life of the community. During these boom days, with an excessive amount of money at their disposal, our young people are becoming serious problems in the sphere of morality. It is the responsibility of the Church of Christ to do all within its power to counteract the evil influences surrounding our young people; but this can best be achieved by an increased number of Woman Workers in our Deanery.

NORMAN CALLAND,
Rural Dean.

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REPORT OF RURAL DEANERY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

Many changes have taken place in the Deanery since the last Synod. This is particularly true in regard to the personnel of the clergy. Canon Lord of Grande Prairie, who was the Rural Dean, has left for the parish of Ocean Falls, B.C. In his place the Rev. G. H.

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Standish, formerly of the parish of Alix-Mirror-Bashaw in the Diocese of Calgary, has become the Rector. The Rev. Eric Wright of Wembley was appointed Rural Dean, but has since left for the Diocese of Montana. Rev. Harold McSherry was then appointed Rural Dean, but has shortly left the Deanery and parish of Beaverlodge to prepare for work as missionary in the Church of Japan.

The parish of Sexsmith has seen several clergy come and go, including Rev. Dr. Pinkerton, M. Walsh, Rev. Roy Currie, and now has as its Rector Canon Singleton. The parish of Wembley now has Rev. Roy Currie as its Rector, and has a new Church building which was moved from the parish of Sexsmith. The old Church has been moved to Pipestone Creek. Wembley also boasts a Parish Hall.

The parish of Beaverlodge now has as its Rector the Rev. J. B. Batten, formerly of Yellowknife. Through the efforts of its former Rector and his Parish Council, Beaverlodge has been elected to become a self-supporting parish.—Much credit is due them in this major advance.

The Fellowship of the West has withdrawn its work from the parish of Goodwin, and with it has gone Rev. Robert Mackie. There is at present an agreement for 18 months with the United Church that they should look after this area.

The Parish of Spirit River has at last been given a pastor in the person of Rev. E. Roy Haddon. Under his leadership this parish has taken a new lease of life.

In 1947 the parish of Grande Prairie was host to the Diocese W.A.

Successful Deanery Camps for Boys and Girls have been held in both 1947 and 1948. The Deanery hopes to have its own Camp property in the future.

W. B. SINGLETON, Rural Dean.

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REPORT OF DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In the absence of the D.B.R.E. Secretary, I am making a report on the work of this Diocesan Board. The responsibility of the D.B.R.E. is one of the greatest: the extent to which this Board is active usually determines the educational activity of our Church in the Diocese. The work of this Board can best be seen under its various headings.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS: It is with great pleasure that the number of schools in Northern Alberta that have permitted the clergy to give Bible instruction has increased rapidly. In all parts of the diocese clergy co-operating with the Ministerial Associations now are giving regular Bible instruction to the children in the Day School. This committee would urge both Laymen and Clergy to do their utmost to take advantage of the provisions made for Bible instruction by the Department of Education in the Province of Alberta.

SUMMER CAMPS: Summer Camps present an unique opportunity for bringing together boys and girls from isolated areas and placing them in ideal settings for spiritual and moral guidance. The development of the Children's Camp in the Diocese of Athabasca has been rapid and there is now an active Camp in each Deanery. In the Deanery of Athabasca, under the supervision of Archdeacon Little and Rev. A. F. Sheward a most successful camp has been operated during the past two summers for both boys and girls. In the Grande Prairie Deanery during 1947 our Church rented a camp site on Lake Saskatoon; during the

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summer of 1948, however, a more desirable camp-site was obtained. Plans are now under way to purchase a permanent Anglican Camp-site in the Grande Prairie Deanery. In Peace River Deanery Camp Artaban has grown in popularity; the Girls' camp under the supervision of Mrs. E. Houndle has become a traditional Summer School for the girls of the Deanery. The religious instruction and spiritual guidance that they receive is of the greatest value. The Boys' Camp at Artaban has been equally successful under the leadership of Canon Standish and Rev. Roy Hadon. The committee, however, would urge the Camp Directors to lay greater stress on the instruction of the Anglican forms of worship and to use the Camps as a period for Confirmation preparation. The sincere hope of this committee is that these Diocesan Camps will be used more extensively for Youth groups and young married couples' Summer Vacation Schools. The use of the Summer Vacation School is another most important instrument for religious instruction, usually operating for a period of 10 days; it assembles boys and girls for intensive Bible teaching. Not only are these schools being operated by the Rectors of several parishes, but the Van Workers are now finding them one of their most effective means of teaching.

G.B.R.E. SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—As yet the Sunday Schools in the diocese have not taken full advantage of the examinations which are prepared by the G.B.R.E. These examinations present worthwhile goals for the students, and give great meaning to the whole course of lessons. During the past year less than one hundred in the whole diocese wrote examinations. It is the sincere hope of this committee that Rectors and Teachers will encourage their students to participate in the examinations next spring.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES.—The sphere of religious education extends to the mid-week work. There is a great need in this northland for a greater amount of youth activities. Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Junior W.A., Girls' Auxiliaries, Church Boys' League, C.G.I.T., and Teen-Towns should all be part of the parish work. In order to carry on this youth work, there is a need for trained Leaders, and the committee urges upon the clergy and leaders of the diocese the great need of a Leadership Training Course which young men and women can attend. We trust that during the course of the next year the Summer Camps might be used for this purpose.

A.Y.P.A. and CHI-RHO FELLOWSHIP.—The role of the A.Y.P.A. and Chi-Rho Fellowship in the life of the Church is one of great importance. This is a period of transition from childhood to maturity, and is a time when the Christian stories and Bible-teaching becomes consolidated in the mind of the young person, and grow into a body of Christian faith that will govern their outlook on life. It is in these two groups that the Church men and women of tomorrow are made. Realizing the importance of this work, the Diocesan committee took steps to organize Youth Rallies which were held in Peace River in 1947, and will be held next weekend at Grande Prairie. To these Rallies come representatives from every parish, where they will receive inspiration and detailed instruction on how to organize and operate A.Y.P. Branches. The success of this work depends largely upon the clergy and laity of the respective parishes.

In closing, we would remind members of the Synod that the Church of tomorrow in the northland depends primarily upon the religious education of our boys and girls today.

May God give us strength and wisdom to further the cause of religious education in each parish and throughout this diocese.

ROLAND HILL, Acting Secretary.

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My Lord Bishop,

We believe the members of this Synod would join you in giving thanks for the health and strength granted to you and for your safe return from the Lambeth Conference so that you can preside over your eighth Synod. We trust that you will be given the health to continue your work as Bishop amongst us.

The world situation to which you have drawn our attention is one which the Christian Church must face up to and try by the help of God to make the neighbourhood into a brotherhood. To some extent we believe we can start right here in our own Diocese by urging our people to show a spirit of good-will and tolerance to those of other races and traditions who settle in our midst. Unless we can create peace at home there is little hope for peace in the world.

A true thanksgiving for the prosperity you have mentioned in your charge can only be shown in a sharing of the blessings we have received. We feel the members of the Synod would want to assure you that they are willing to assume such obligations as are considered rightful for the furtherance of the work of the Church.

The task of sending the Ambassadors of Christ into every town and village and settlement can only be accomplished as there is sufficient leadership for this purpose. We feel the question of manpower is a vital matter at this time, and would urge that the shortage of workers in the missionary areas be made a matter of real concern by the whole Church. We feel it essential that some concerted effort be made to bring before our people throughout the Dominion the vision of full-time service for Christ.

The matter of the unity of the Church is one which we feel should be a real concern in every parish and trust that as the Report of the Lambeth Conference has been studied such steps will be taken as will help to bring about that unity for which our Lord prayed.

The mention of the Mackenzie River Deanery and its transference from this Diocese should serve to turn our thoughts to that area and indeed to the whole work of our Church in the north. We urge that this Synod makes some representation to the executive committee of the M.S.C.C. in the matter of filling the vacant posts and bringing new life to those areas which have been served so faithfully in the past years by some of our greatest men. We would also suggest that a word of greetings be sent to Nurse Neville, formerly in this Diocese and still continuing alone after many years at the Hay River mission.

Many of the difficulties that present us today, both in the world at large and closer in our diocese, could be dissolved if such a Programme of Spiritual Advance as you have placed before us were put into operation.

We pray with you, my Lord, that God will indeed give us a new out-pouring of His Spirit that His Church in this Diocese may be strengthened, the life of our people deepened and the Kingdom of God extended.

Respectfully submitted,

TOM GREENWOOD
K. THOMPSON

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REPORT ON RADIO WORK IN THE DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

Radio Work in the Diocese of Athabasca has become a very valuable instrument for Christ and His Church. For the past six years we have been broadcasting the morning service on alternate Sundays over CFGP. The response to this kind of evangelism has been most encouraging. However, it has been felt that we need to work in different ways as well. Last year, during the Lenten season, a series of programmes entitled "On the King's Highway" was presented. These half-hour weekly broadcasts attempted to give the people some Church news, a short talk on the Faith and a question-and-answer period. The response from these programmes was excellent. The cost, being \$71, was met by the Radio Committee of the General Synod.

This same Committee of the Church has now promised us assistance to the extent of \$200 to begin a Sunday-School-by-Radio programme. These broadcasts will begin on Thursday, October 14th at 7.30 p.m. over CFGP, costing approximately \$10 each. They will be, for the most part, transcribed programmes, which we will use through the kindness of the Diocese of Edmonton and the Rev. G. Wilson of Edmonton, but will allow us some time to give local news, etc.

The financing of this work is becoming more and more difficult, and I would like to suggest that the Synod of the Diocese undertake the responsibility of this work.

NELSON STANDISH.

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REPORT OF DIOCESAN W.A.

The membership registered through per capita fees during 1947 was:

Senior Branches	485
Girls	29
Junior Auxilliary	102
Little Helpers	332
Church Boys' League	7
	955

The Senior membership increased by 52 over that of 1946.

The Branch at Spirit River has been reorganized, and a new Branch for younger women has been organized at Fairview.

Executive Meetings were held at Grande Prairie on June 5, 1947, and at High Prairie on September 15, 1948; the Sub-executive met at Bishop's Lodge on November 25, 1947.

Mrs. Little was presented with a chime clock on her retirement from the office of President after many years of faithful service. Mrs. MacArthur, Fairview, succeeded Mrs. Little as President.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Alan Robertson, Colinton, who had been presented with Life Membership only six weeks before her death. Mrs. Robertson had served for many years, as Living Message secretary, and until her last illness as Treasurer.

Mrs. Frewer, Lake Saskatoon, Vice-President for Grande Prairie Deanery, left to reside at the Coast, and was succeeded by Mrs. J. A. Evans, Grande Prairie. Mrs. Glen Ash, Peace River, succeeded Mrs. H. J. McSherry as Girls' Secretary.

A Deanery Meeting was held at Grande Prairie in June. The Peace River Deanery Meeting was held at Grimshaw in May, with Miss Arva Stewart as guest speaker. The meeting at Athabasca was held in July.

Contributions to the Canon John Turner Memorial Fund amounted to \$.

United Thank Offering for 1947 totalled \$158.76, and forms part of the Dominion W.A. fund for the training of fifty missionaries.

Nineteen Branches contributed to the clothing for pupils in Wabasca Indian School.

It is noted with much regret that the subscriptions to The Living Message have decreased from 206 in 1947 to 182 in 1948.

Nineteen branches purchased W.A. Study Books in 1947. Book-stalls were operated at the Peace River Deanery Meeting and the Diocesan Synod.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY—One Branch, with 29 members.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY—Five Branches, with 102 members.

LITTLE HELPERS—Nine Branches, with 332 members.

CHURCH BOYS' LEAGUE— One Branch, with 7 members.

In May, 1948, Miss Arva Stewart, Western Supervisor of Girls' Work, spent a month in the Diocese. She visited fourteen branches, and reported that little was being done to further the J.A. and G.A. programme. The Diocesan W.A. Executive feel keenly the need for definite concerted action by the parishes to foster these mid-week activi-

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ties for the girls. The aim of the Junior Auxiliary is to pray for missions, learn about missions, give to missions, work for missions, and tell others about missions. The programme provides for spiritual development through worship and missionary study; education through recreation. Miss Stewart stressed that the work must be done in the parishes by leaders who were willing to co-operate and give of their time and efforts to train our growing girls in the programme definitely approved by the Church. The W.A. also feels that the Church is not making full use of the opportunities in caring for the spiritual growth of boys. Sunday Schools are good, but they need the help of mid-week activities providing a spiritual background, and the W.A. has written to all Clergy and Workers in the Diocese stressing the need for the formation of branches of Church Boys' League. The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow; let us train leaders now among the youth, so that they may become the leaders of years to come.

MRS. W. B. SINGLETON,
President.

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REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL-BY-POST IN THE DIOCESE OF
ATHABASCA, 1947 - 1948

During the last two years Sunday School by Post has operated continuously, though the staff has changed continuously. In October 1946 Miss Eileen Paris and Miss Constance Biddulph took over the work from Miss Helena Ward and Miss Muriel Page. In December I arrived, and we three worked through that winter. In June 1947 Miss Trinder arrived from England, taking my place, as I was asked by Miss Hasell to go as Teacher on a Van; Miss Pat Black of Winnipeg also came to assist Miss Trinder. In August Miss Trinder was recalled to England suddenly, owing to a death in the family, and Miss Black left for Van work. I therefore returned to St. Nicholas House and remained alone until the winter Workers Mrs. Manger and Miss Mary Barclay arrived. During this summer of 1948 Miss Viola Robertson of Toronto came for a short while, and was succeeded by Miss Mollie Tubbs of England, who will now stay for the coming winter. I would like to take this opportunity of extending my hearty thanks to all these good workers for their enthusiasm and co-operation.

The number of families on our address books at the present time is 2,153, and if a low average of two children to a family be taken, represents well over 5,000 children. Of these, by far the greater proportion are the Juniors from the ages of 10-14, and these too are the most numerous in answering the questions. The numbers of those answering, and sending in their answers, is still disappointingly small, though the standard of answers is certainly improving on the whole.

The actual number of answers received were:

1947, 224; in 1946,—113. But out of these in 1947, 89 and in 1946, 65 only answered once or twice during the year.

Our method has been to correct and mark these answers carefully and prayerfully, trying to make clear the doubtful points, and encouraging the better and fuller answers with pictures and books.

The number of Bibles sent out during these two years has been 52, and others have been distributed by the Van Workers. Nine Prayer Books have also been sent "by request". Bernard Potter, of Last Lake was the recipient of the Special Prize Bible in 1947.

A new feature of our work has been the sending of Letters of Preparation for Confirmation, and we would like to draw the attention of the clergy to this service. The importance of these letters lies in the fact that they give sound, definite and full Church teaching in a concise and attractive form, especially suitable to those young people who are too old for Sunday-School-by-Post papers. We recommend one letter only be sent at a time, and then if interest be shown by the answers being returned, to continue with the remainder of the twelve letters. The cost of the series of 13 letters is 12c. Since beginning to send these Confirmation Letters, 13 have completed the Course from the S.S.P. office: besides which the parish of North Star took 18 copies; we now have 9 new members, while letters were left at Hines Creek with promiss of study during the coming winter months.

Subscriptions and Donations for the past two years amount to \$157.27; the Van Workers have collected \$139.65, making a total of \$296.22.

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Our expenses apart from paying for the papers, has been approximately \$300 per annum.

Through the generosity of Miss Eva Hasell, the cost of upkeep of St. Nicholas House, and the maintenance of the staff, does not fall on the Diocese.

We have had many appreciative letters both from parents and children during these two years, which are most encouraging, and show the great importance of the work for God and His Church.

MARY VAUGHAN.

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THE PEACE MESSENGER

The Peace Messenger, when first issued, was prepared for the purpose of conveying news of the work of the Church in the Diocese to one another, and to the friends of the Diocese throughout our Dominion.

It is a small paper, and therefore has to select its material very carefully. However, in selecting of this material and the publishing of the same, it is entirely dependent upon the Rectors and Lay Workers of each mission and parish. During the past six months all too often articles of more lengthy nature have had to be printed because of the failure of the clergy or their correspondents to send valuable information regarding their own activities to the Editor.

One of the great characteristics of the Church of England is that it is not an isolated congregation, but is a vast family of Christian people working together. This sense of family spirit can only be maintained when there is intercommunication between its members. This is the function of the Peace Messenger. The extent to which each Rector will record the activities in his own parish determines the extent to which the Peace Messenger can fulfil its purpose. The happenings in the realm of spiritual and social activities of each parish will bring forth greater fruit if they are known throughout the Diocese. The Editor urges upon the members of the Synod that they do their utmost to co-operate in supplying material for this monthly publication.

ROLAND HILL.

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(APPENDIX R)

(Referred to in The Bishop's Charge)

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Smart,—“Whereas in September 1933, the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land asked the Bishop of Athabasca to supervise that portion of the Diocese of Mackenzie River reaching as far north as the Arctic Circle (400,000 square miles) including in all three Priests—Rev. G. A. Crawley at Fort Chipewyan, Rev. Franklin Clarke at Fort Simpson and Rev. W. B. Singleton at Hay River as Principal of the Indian School under the Indian and Eskimo Commission, the said step having been rendered temporarily necessary by the loss of Church funds at Winnipeg; Whereas such action was not unanimously approved at that time by the Clergy and Laymen of the Diocese of Athabasca but was accepted as a temporary expedient in a time of real crisis in our Canadian Church; Whereas that crisis was successfully met and the Funds restored by the whole Canadian Church through The Restoration Fund Campaign; Whereas it has not been possible for the M.S.C.C. through the ten years to provide adequately by means of definite, normal and continuous annual grants for the sustenance of reasonable stipends for the Clergy of the Mackenzie River Deanery or for the necessary capital expenditures for Churches and Rectories in the same area; Whereas it is impossible under present restricted conditions of enlistment for the Bishop of Athabasca to obtain a sufficient number of suitable Priests with which to man the various Mission Stations, now rendered much more important and strategic through recent and unprecedented developments; Whereas we believe that it is absolutely impossible for any one individual under present conditions to supervise efficiently and economically the former Diocese of Athabasca and the added Deanery of Mackenzie River; Be it resolved that this Synod here assembled recommend to the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land that the boundaries of the Diocese of Athabasca be so altered that the northern, western and eastern boundaries be coincident with the present boundaries of the Civil Province of Alberta, the southern boundary of the Diocese to remain as in 1933.”—Carried.





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